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Henorable Charles L. Schultze Director, Bureau of the Budget Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Charlie:

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I have studied your letter of 9 September regarding the proposed joint study of DOD and CIA major photographic interpretation facilities and I agree that your suggested breakout of topics to be covered is appropriate.

Mr. John Bross had conversations with Cy Vance and they arrived at an agreement that the joint study would be undertaken by an ad hoc team on which I will be represented of my staff, and the DOD by Lt. General Joe Carroll. They have, as a first step, developed an agreed Terms of Reference for the study which encompasses the major topics you listed. A copy is enclosed. A joint team of highly qualified personnel has been appointed as support to the senior representatives and this team is now engaged in an elaboration of the details which will be necessary to assemble the data necessary to make proper judgments.

With regard to the timing for submission of the final report, I feel this study to be quite an involved one and one which deserves a most thorough and concientious look. For this reason, I question that the full study can be completed in time for this year's final budget review. However, those elements which would have an impact on the 1967 budget can be

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covered in interim reports as they are resolved. This approach will permit greater attention to the overall problem.

I have advised that I want as thorough a study as is feasible with the objective in mind of optimising the effective utilization of those resources which we have on hand and of providing guidelines which will enable us properly to program for meeting future U.S. national needs. I will provide you with progress reports from time to time.

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Sincerely,

(signed) W. F. Pahorn

W. F. Raborn, Director

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